

A GIGANTIC BUSINESS COMBINATION.

An Outline of the Method by Which American Farmers May Become Permanently Prosperous and Independent.

IN THREE PARTS.—PART II.

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COMBINE EXISTING ASSOCIATIONS.

The several associations and corporations in existence for the benefit of the cotton growers should be combined into one, placed under one management and directed by one official body, whereby the affairs could be administered according to true business methods, with less expense, less friction and greater assurances of success. Take the best and the strongest of all organizations formed for the protection and safety of the Southern cotton growers and around it concentrate all the energies and means possessed by the others and continue to build to it. The effect will be the most powerful corporate body in the world, representing one of the largest and most useful industries of the world, with a financial standing beyond anything ever known among men, with an influence for good, felt and acknowledged all over the world; and, besides conferring numberless benefits upon farm laborers and growers of cotton as well as upon spinners and manufacturer of cotton everywhere, by establishing and maintaining a uniform price for the staple the year round, it will put a stop to the wild and reckless gambling in "cotton futures," which no legislation of the States, or of Congress, has been able to do. If any skeptics should say these things cannot be brought about, the only answer necessary is to advise them that this is an era of phenomenally big things, and "where there is a will to do, there is a way to do."

"THE AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS' UNION."

In this connection, consider the "American Cotton Growers' Union," its formation, objects, plans, methods and powers, together with its permanency, safety, economy in management and the wide extent of its field of operations. Originated and organized by the Southern cotton growers for the benefit and protection of Southern cotton growers, it was incorporated in the winter of 1903-1904, in Washington City, pursuant to Acts of the Congress of the United States, with a capital stock of one hundred million dollars, which the stockholders are empowered to increase to one thousand million dollars, to grow, buy, sell and manufacture cotton of American production, and insure to Southern cotton growers just prices for their product and their labor. It has the same corporate existence and exercises the same corporate powers in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and in the Territories that raise cotton, and its corporate existence is perpetual. With its stock divided into two mil-

lion shares, and the par value of each share fixed at fifty dollars, payable in money or in cotton, an opportunity is given to every cotton grower in the Southern States and Territories to own one or more shares of its stock and pay for the same in cotton.

ADVANTAGES OF THE UNION.

The affairs of the "American Cotton Growers' Union," are under the control and management of the cotton growers who own its stock. The advantages accruing to the stockholders are, they establish a standard price for the incoming crop of cotton, year by year, which cannot be changed except by their own act, and a uniformity of price the year round may be preserved by the stockholders selling their cotton to the Union—their co-operation through the Union enabling it to buy cotton in immense quantities, approximating the whole of a year's crop—and by storing the cotton, according to grades and classifications, in suitable sheds or warehouses, the Union can supply spinners and manufacturers at the standard price, according to their demands. Further benefits to the cotton growers who invest in its stock are, they get the money for the cotton they sell to the Union at the prevailing prices, and in addition thereto, they receive dividends on their stock amounting to the difference between the price at which they sell to the Union, and the price the Union obtains from the manufacturers, subject only to a deduction of two dollars per share for expenses.

The quantity of cotton required by spinners and manufacturers of cotton throughout the world is practically the same every month in the year, but marketing the crop daily and rapidly in large quantities, exceeding current demands, carries prices down, a condition that speculators are quick to perceive and take advantage of, and when the major part of the crop has passed from the hands of the cotton growers, prices advance. It is a province of the Union to arrest and finally stop this anomalous state of things. This subject will be further considered (and concluded) in next week's number of The Progressive Farmer.

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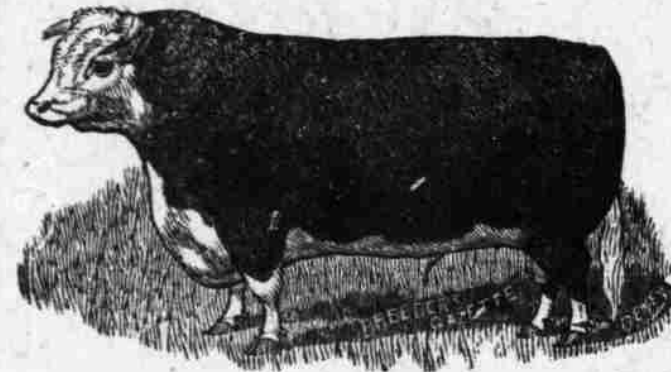
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